

Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 13th, 2018
@ 7:00 P.M.
Buffalo Town Hall

Present-Charles Corso, Roger Wallis, Jan Banicki Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm

Others Present- 15

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order immediately after the Public Hearing

Motion to approve the agenda by Roger Wallis. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR- 3 OPPOSED- 0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed the August 2018 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes from August 2018, by
Second by Jan Banicki. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR- 3 OPPOSED- 0 Motion Carried.

The Clerk and Treasurer gave their financial reports.

Motion to approve the financial reports as read by Roger Wallis. Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed 5 building permit for the month.

The board reviewed the vouchers presented.

Motion to approve the vouchers as presented by Jan Banicki. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR- 3 OPPOSED- 0 Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Chairman stated that the Rezone request from Dayton Henderson/Gary Schoppenhorst was approved by the Town Board at the July Regular Board Meeting.

The Green Lake County ATV Club Route through the township was voted on by the board to do as a one year trial from Golden Road to Grouse Rd west to 13th Rd North to Cty O west to Cty F. Goes on to County Board next before final approval. Fred Wollenburg asked to speak and stated that he felt meeting was not properly noted regarding the ATV Route. He feels it should not be on Grouse Rd but perhaps on the County Line Road. Would like to see traffic on the town roads at 45 mph. Please consider this. He feels with the farm machinery on the road this is a problem. Please lets try and make the roads as safe as possible.

Laurel Bennet also stated concern of the ATV Route. She noted incidents she has experienced with ATVs. She is opposed to having ATVs on the roads in the township.

David Reickman stated concern about ATV route in township. He wants peace and quiet. Stated he pays taxes and does not want the extra noise. Is not pleased about the route. He will keep eyes and ears open for and problems and will be reporting them.

Joel Burbach asked about the speed limit. Feels they are very noisy and does not like it. He also feels that they should have to pay more for licensing if they are going to be making noise because he is losing something precious to him. The Chairman stated that they should call the sheriff regarding any prolems.

Jim Aberly asked if ATVs are required to carry insurance.

The Town Board discussed budgeting \$10,000.00 to stay in compliance in the future with the help of Associated Appraisers.

The update to Chapter #3 Ordinance was passed by the Town Board at the July meeting. Proposed updates to Chapter #10 were tabled for August meeting.

The chairman explained Mr Charles Church will be informing our state Representatives about a resolution to Wis Statue 90.13 (Fence Law Ordinance)

Alma Paul asked to speak. She feels that the Fence line law has been in force for a long time. Feels the other person is only protecting their own land. Feels that good fences make good neighbors. Please don't put the whole burden on the farmer. Alma stated that the Fence law should stand.

NEW BUSINESS

Margaret Banker gave an updated report on the Montello School District. Citizens were allowed to ask questions and express their opinions to Ms. Banker. Explained about the timeline of the improvement plan that has been proposed. Margaret handed out a pamphlet with a briefing of all of the things accomplished and proposed. Pamphlet also showed the grants that had been received by the school. She explained that the school has now implemented a driver's education program for the students. Spanish has been expanded to the elementary students this year. The school website has been revised so please take a look at it.

Alma Paul stated that the school parking lot has been done. The kids pay \$20 to park. Maybe this should be per quarter to help cover costs of snow plowing etc. We need to take a look at bringing the CNA program back to the school. It was a wonderful program that benefitted so many students.

Karen Wojtalewicz stated that she is a substitute custodian. She has talked to some of the teachers and some have stated that they do not like the chrome books. She asked questions regarding the dislike of the chrome books that are used by the students. Have the grades improved since the chrome books have been implemented? Karen stated concerns that she has such as leaving the TVs run all night long when not being used. She stated that there are problems with teachers bullying students. Where are the fundamentals? Teachers are not flexible to the needs of the students. In fundamental woods class plans needed to be turned in to the teacher yet none of those plans were used and the teacher never stated if the plans were good or how to improve them. Why does trans gender need to be taught in the Shakespeare readings? When asked questions the school did not know this was being done?

Fredericka Paul Stated that her daughter attended Summer School- her daughter had to get on the bus @ 6:15 to attend summer school at 8:00. Please re-evaluate transportation. Would like to invite Ms Banker back to another meeting to answer questions. Stated that more people need to attend the school board meetings. There are meetings every month.

David Reickman said thank you for doing the best with what you have. Stated that is a big problem with the state aid and funding. Knows that they are doing the best they can.

Karen Wojtalewicz-(courtesy of John Goetz) Why should taxes be raised when the students are not getting a quality education. Does anyone have any idea what is in the storage rooms at the school? Is any of that stuff usable? Can any of it be recycled. We need to figure this out. Please look in to the chrome books. It is not good. Are they playing video games on them?

Joel Burbach Has attended some of the school board meetings and has seen lots of improvements. A lot of the problems are coming from the state level. The children are our future and the future is now. We need to take care of this now. Bill gates stated that there is nothing more boring than a school budget but yet there is nothing more important.

Laurie Beahm stated that she would also like to comment on the chrome books. She feels that the technology is very important because it is getting more and more complicated. Jobs depend now on technology. Is penmanship being taught? On a minor note, things such as young people who cannot sign their name in cursive. On a legal document a cursive signature is required. The basics are the most important. There needs to be books to read and paper and pens to write. It needs to be both. The school has done some great things but there is still more work on all of our parts.

Charles Corso stated that the Montello school board wants a referendum for this fall.

Charles Corso stated that meeting notices are required to post in two places and in the newspaper. Our posting places are at the Town Hall, The Recycle Center and in the Marquette County Tribune. The last meeting was properly posted and published. It does not have to be on the internet and does not have to be put in the paper. The citizens have asked that we put it in the paper so the board agreed.

The board discussed the proposed changes to the Chapter #10 Ordinance. Motion to approve the changes with the revision of article #III 10.16 to read Consistent with our conservation subdivision ordinance, (regarding parcel size) (article #V) by Roger Wallis, Second by Jan Banicki.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The board discussed the Wisconsin Towns Association asking the Towns to pass the resolution about raising the gas tax so that there is more money to fix the roads. The Clerk read the resolution and the board reviewed the resolution.

David Reickman- stated that 20 cents per gallon is too much. Quit taking away from local towns.

Alma Paul-Marquette Cty is on of the poorest counties in the state-that's too much for those who have to drive to work. Please do not sign that resolution.

Motion to table until the September meeting by Jan Banicki, Second by Roger Wallas

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Charles Corso stated please remember Highway safety-The Road work in Montello has started.

The road work on Hwy 22 from Hwy 16 South of Wyocena up to Hwy 60 by Leeds has started. Please remember to take an alternate route.

The board gave information on a community block grant program that is available. A few brochures were handed out. For more information please call 608/847-7309

CITIZEN AND BOARD CONCERNS

David Rieckman gave report of and ATV with no lights on on Grouse Road at 8 p.m. in the evening on August 8th.

Upcoming meeting dates-

- a) Thursday October 4th @ 7:00 p.m. Land Use Planning Commission (AS NEEDED)
- b) Monday October 8th, @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Town Board Meeting
- c) Monday October 29th @ 7:00 p.m. Board Hosting WTA meeting.

There will be a quorum of the town board present.

Motion to Adjourn by Jan Banicki -Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-3 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED